



FY2006 (7/1/05 – 6/30/06) Annual Work Plan

Ferry Conservation District

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Mission of the Ferry Conservation District

- *The conservation of renewable natural resources is a key element in providing conditions conducive to sustainable rural lifestyles, profitable local businesses, and a healthy environment.*

Natural Resource Priorities and Goals:

Water Quality:

- Organize and implement a water quality monitoring and improvement project in the San Poil River tributary streams.

Agriculture:

- Through education and available incentives, FCD will encourage the continued farming/ranching use of prime agricultural lands.

Forestry:

- Help local forest landowners find alternative markets for forest products and wood fiber.
- We will work to promote biomass as an alternative fuel source.
- Continue to plan and improve the annual tree and plant sale as a source of low-cost materials for reforestation projects.

Fish and Wildlife:

- Recognize fish and wildlife habitat as an indicator of overall water quality by including habitat enhancement as part of the criteria for BMP project selection

Recreation:

- Pursue funding to improve recreation facilities on FCD Roberta Lake property.



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Information – Education Priorities and Goals:

FCD will continue to provide timely relevant information to the public regarding natural resources issues. We shall focus our efforts on both youth and adults.

Adult-Focused Education/Information Goals:

- Establish a Watershed Improvement Management Team (WIPMT) to advise the Conservation District on the implementation of the HOSP grant.
- Provide monthly updates to Board of Supervisors.
- Submit quarterly "Conservation Corner" articles to local newspaper.
- Provide CD activity information to local, state, and federal government decision makers.
- Have an information/education booth at the Ferry County Fair.
- Expand Plant Sale brochure to provide more information on plant care.
- Continue our lead role in Ferry County Pride Month activities.

Youth-Focused Education-Information Goals:

- Promote educational support for local school districts and home schoolers throughout the Conservation District.
- Continue the wetland education program with Curlew and Republic Schools' science departments.
- Participate in The Lake Roosevelt Water Festival.
- Present education program at local Arbor Day celebration.

District Operations Priorities, Goals & Funding Sources:

FCD will continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the District's financial, administrative and managerial functions.

- Staff will employ task management strategies to ensure timely submission of required grant reporting, including but not limited to vouchering, quarterly/annual financial reports and quarterly/annual progress reports.
- Staff will continue to use staff meetings to implement task planning for more efficient time management.
- Staff will adopt cross-training strategies to ensure the continuation of effective and efficient operations.
- Staff will review grant budgets quarterly and implement strategies to ensure the most efficient use of grant funds.
- Staff will review the annual plan on a quarterly basis.
- Staff will assist Board Supervisors in the development of a long range plan and thereafter review it bi-annually.

Anticipated Funding Sources

Washington Conservation Commission, Washington Department of Ecology Centennial Clean Water Fund, Washington DNR (FFPPP), EPA Wetland Assessment Grant (WAG).



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Program Area: Water Quality

Goal: FCD's goal is to protect and improve water quality by working cooperatively with landowners, resource users, and local, state, Tribal and federal agencies.

Funding Source: DOE Centennial Clean Water Fund, Commission Grant, Basic Funding

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Organize San Poi Headwaters Watershed Improvement Project Management Team (WIPMT).	7/05 to 6/06	L. Gardinier	20	4000
Continue to implement a water quality monitoring program for headwater streams in the San Poi watershed.	7/05 to 6/06	L Odell L Gardinier	180	43200
Using data from water quality monitoring program, work with WIPMT to determine which, if any, BMPs could be implemented on the San Poi.	8/05 to 6/06	L Odell L Gardinier	15	3600
Continue cooperation with Colville Confederated Tribes and Colville Reservation Conservation District regarding San Poi water quality issues.	7/05 to 6/06	L Odell L Gardinier	5	1200
Continue to seek funding to investigate, monitor, and address water quality issues in other watersheds within the Conservation District.	7/05 to 6/06	L Gardinier	40	10000
Continue to conduct the annual tree and plant sale to provide plant materials for riparian restoration.	7/05 to 6/06	L Odell, S Barcroft,	50	9000
Continue to expand and improve FCD Native Plant Nursery as a source of adapted native plant materials to be used in local watershed restoration projects.	7/05 to 6/06	Staff	30	6500

Program Area: Forestry

Goal(s): FCD strives to promote the sound management and utilization of private forestlands.

Funding Source(s): Basic Funding, FFFPP

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Work with forest landowners to find alternative markets for forest products.	7/05 to 6/06	LGardinier	6	1500
Work with NRCS and DNR to help landowners find accurate management information.	7/05 to 6/06	Staff	6	1500
Sponsor one FFFPP project currently funded in FCD.	7/05 to 10/06	L Odell	20	5500
Assist qualified landowners who apply for FFFPP funding to assist with road culvert/fish passage issues. For those who desire our involvement, we will act as project sponsors.	7/05 to 6/06	Staff	4	1000
Continue to conduct the annual tree and plant sale to provide reforestation trees at reasonable cost.	12/05 to 4/06	Staff	50	9000



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Program Area: Agriculture

Goal(s): FCD will continue to work with farmers and ranchers to promote sustainable agriculture.
 Funding Source(s): Basic Funding

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Through education and available incentives, FCD will encourage continued agricultural use of prime agricultural lands.	7/05 to 6/06	Staff	4	1000
Acting as landowners' representative, FCD will participate in NRCS EQIP Local Work Group.	7/05 to 10/06	L Gardinier	6	1450

Program Area: Fish and Wildlife

Goal(s): Recognize fish and wildlife habitat as an indicator of overall water quality, and include habitat enhancement as part of the criteria for BMP project selection.
 Funding Source(s): CCWF (HOSP), Commission Implementation Grant, EPA (WAG)

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Work toward completing wildlife passage corridor across District Property south of Curlew Lake.	7/04 to 6/05	L Odell	10 days	4000
Assess both fish and wildlife habitat conditions in San Poil headwaters streams.	7/05 to 6/06	L Odell	90 days	21,600
Continue education programs that teach young people about habitat improvement.	9/05 to 6/06	L Odell	6 days	1450

Program Area: Recreation

Goal(s): FCD will continue to promote outdoor recreation, and to improve access to FCD properties for recreation uses.
 Funding Source(s): Commission Implementation Grant, Basic Funding

Activities for FY2006	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Work with DNR, Job Corps, and Curlew Lake State Park to restore trail system connecting State Park to FCD Education/Recreation Site.	10/04, 4/05 to 6/05	L Gardinier L Odell	15	3500
Renew MOA with USFS for grooming trails on District Property for cross-country skiing in winter.	11/04 to 2/05	L Gardinier	2	500